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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 9, 2008
Meeting Time: 3 pm
Meeting Place: ISDA, Conference Room A
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 4

Members Present: Dr. Hsu; Richard Slayton; Larry Grider; Robert Wease; Matt Williams

Members Absent: Dr. Ladisch; John Land; Ryan West; Ron Meeusen

1. Call to Order

Dr. Andrew Hsu called the meeting to order at 3:14 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Consent

3. Approval of Minutes

Consent

4. Presentation by DNR Division of Forestry

Jack Seifert, State Forester for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, gave a presentation about forestry certification in Indiana.¹ It detailed the need to have certified forests to meet the standards required for use of timber in green construction and production. Chain of custody of timber is a critical part of the process that needs to be implemented. Mr. Seifert also discussed facts about forest certification in Indiana.² Hardwoods industry is a \$17 billion industry in the state with a majority of state processing done here too.

¹ DNR PowerPoint presentation handout – Appendix A [[Forestry Cert. Doc..pdf](#)]

² DNR Forest Certification handout – Appendix B [[Sustainable Forestry doc..pdf](#)]

Afterwards, Mr. Slayton asked if the state will see trees as a renewable resource. Mr. Seifert responded that the legislature is studying that issue this summer in regards to energy efficient buildings using state timber in construction. Mr. Wease mentioned about finding ways to reuse the waste from wood products. Seventy percent of waste comes from construction. He also pointed out that with meeting LEED standards, points are given for low transportation mileage if under 500 miles. He suggested that maybe the Commission should look at that requirement too for bioproducts. He would also like to see more solid wood products in construction.

5. Review of Previous Task Assignments

Mr. Slayton made a handout listing wood product companies in the state along with investment and jobs. He is going to work on reformatting the list and continue expanding it. Dr. Hsu reminded the members that Mr. Meeusen and Mr. West are also providing the Commission with information but they were not in attendance, so that item was held until the next meeting.

6. Potential Policies and Tasks for Next Meeting

Dr. Hsu gave the members an assignment to start filling in the report outline with each person's suggestions. Then for the next meeting, each member can discuss their ideas and work from there on recommending policies as a whole for the full report. Dr. Hsu also asked Mr. Seifert to provide any policy recommendations he may have as well from a hardwoods perspective.

Mr. Slayton mentioned an article in Indiana Inside Business about the Purdue Research Park making an exciting advancement of creating jet fuel out of biomass. Dr. Hsu made one possible short-term policy recommendation that the State's economic development programs should be focused on these types of research and development projects. The State should take leadership to direct funding to these types of priorities. A possible recommendation would be to "declare biobased industry is a priority for state economic development promotion." Mr. Slayton suggested giving bonus points for attracting these industries to come to Indiana.

Mr. Grider gave a handout about a company called Cereplast located in Seymour that makes bio-plastics. He asked the Commission about how to create a market downstream for them. Dr. Hsu suggested getting a list of current state investments available from IEDC. The Commission could then make a recommendation that these incentives should be directed to bioproducts. Mr. Wease added that the Commission's report could be a mix of giving the State a good idea of what bioproducts are available and then the ways in which to get them to buy these products. Dr. Hsu also added that it should stress how important bioproducts are in economic terms.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be May 23 at 3 p.m. at the ISDA offices.



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8. Adjournment

Dr. Hsu adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.